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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An access member adapted to be, in a position of use, accommodated in an artificial or a natural canal in a user, said access member ~~having~~ comprising an outer end and an inner end defining a predetermined length, said length and extending, in the position of use, from ~~the~~ outside of ~~the~~ a body of the user through said canal and into the user's urinary bladder, ~~and comprising~~ at least one wall defining at least one cavity extending substantially throughout said predetermined length, ~~said at least one cavity being intended for intermittently receiving a catheter, characterized in that~~ said at least one wall of the access member ~~has such~~ allowing for intermittent insertion of a catheter within said cavity while having a degree of flexibility such that, when a catheter is not inserted, said at least one cavity is kept in a substantially closed position by the mutual contact of parts of said at least one wall, ~~but allows for intermittent insertion of a catheter.~~

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the wall ~~or walls~~ of the access member ~~comprise(s)~~ includes a foil or film material.

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3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the wall ~~or walls~~ of the access member ~~comprise(s)~~ includes a foam or a gel.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ at least one part of the wall ~~or walls~~ of the access member ~~comprises~~ includes a net material made of ~~eg.~~ metal.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 1, ~~characterized by comprising wherein~~ one wall forms ~~forming~~ a substantially hose-shaped access member.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 1, ~~characterized by comprising wherein~~ at least two walls ~~which~~ are formed by sheets of material having substantially larger dimensions in the longitudinal direction than in the transverse direction and ~~being~~ joined at the respective longitudinally extending edges.

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7. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said sheets are joined by means of welding, adhesion or any other suitable joining technique.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said sheets have different thicknesses.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said sheets have different degrees of flexibility.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one blind hole is provided in at least one of said sheets.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 6, ~~in which there are~~ and having at least three sheets and two cavities, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one of said cavities is closed at a distance from the outer end of the access member.

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12. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inner end of the access member is designed as a cap having a number of openings.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 1, ~~characterized by further~~ comprising means for securing the outer end of the access member to the abdominal skin surface.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said means includes ~~comprises~~ a plate-shaped member.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plate-shaped member is fastened to the skin surface by means of an adhesive.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The access member according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a plug member is provided for insertion into the outer end of said at least one through-going cavity.

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17. (Currently Amended) A system for catheterization of the urinary bladder through an artificial or a natural canal in a user, comprising a catheter adapted to be inserted through the canal, and an access member ~~according to claim 1~~ having an outer end and an inner end defining a predetermined length, said length extending, in the position of use, from outside of a body of the user through said canal and into the user's urinary bladder, at least one wall defining at least one cavity extending substantially throughout said predetermined length, said at least one wall of the access member allowing for intermittent insertion of the catheter within said cavity while having a degree of flexibility such that, when the catheter is not inserted, said at least one cavity is kept in a substantially closed position by the mutual contact of parts of said at least one wall.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of replacing an access member ~~according to claim 1~~ having an outer end and an inner end defining a predetermined length, said length extending, in the position of use, from the outside of the body of the user through said canal and into the urinary bladder, at least one wall defining at least one cavity extending substantially throughout said predetermined length, said at least one wall of the access member

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allowing for intermittent insertion of a catheter within said
cavity while having a degree of flexibility such that, when a
catheter is not inserted, said at least one cavity is kept in a
substantially closed position by the mutual contact of parts of
said at least one wall, comprising the steps of in which removing
a first access member positioned in said canal ~~is removed and~~
~~inserting~~ a second, substitute access member ~~is inserted shortly~~
~~afterwards, or a second, substitute access member is introduced~~
~~through the first access member positioned in said canal whereafter~~
~~the first access member is removed.~~

19. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein said step of removing is performed before said step of inserting the second access member.

20. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein said step of inserting includes introducing said substitute access member through the first access member positioned in said canal and said step of removing the first access member is performed thereafter.